GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:163
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Delay in Completion of MPLAD Projects
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works/projects recommended, sanctioned and completed including the physical and financial performance under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise including the State of Maharashtra;

(b) whether several projects/schemes are lying incomplete and pending;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in the completion of these projects/schemes, scheme and State-wise; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the completion of pending works/ projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 163 for answer on 09.03.2016.

(a): The works are recommended by the honourable MPs and are sanctioned as well as executed through District Authorities concerned. The specific data is maintained at the District level and only broad parameters are maintained by this Ministry. Based on information received from the District Authorities, the data for years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as on 03.03.2016) is given at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Under the MPLADS, release of funds and incurring of expenditure take place continuously. Funds are released MP-wise, on meeting the eligibility criteria specified in the Guidelines on MPLADS. Funds are non-lapsable, both at the end of the Union Government and at the end of the District Authorities. Unspent balances are utilized in the subsequent year (s).

Problems of execution and delay, etc. in implementation of the works are addressed at the district level, data on which is not maintained at the central level in the Ministry.

Para 3.12 of the Guidelines on MPLADS stipulates that all recommended eligible works should be sanctioned within 75 days from the date of receipt of the recommendation, after completing all formalities. The District Authority shall, however, inform MPs regarding rejection, if any, within 45 days from the date of the receipt of recommendation, with reasons thereof.

Para 3.13 of the Guidelines stipulates that the sanction order should stipulate a time-limit for completion of the work by the Implementation Agency. The time-limit for completion of the work should generally not exceed one year. In exceptional cases, where the implementation time exceeds one year, specific reasons for the same should be incorporated in the sanction order. The sanction order should also include a clause for suitable action against the Implementation Agency in the event of their failure to complete the work within the stipulated time as per the State Government procedure.

(d): Government through the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation continuously emphasizes on timely completion of works. In cases where references regarding delay, etc. in the implementation of the works come to notice, the State Government/District Authority are requested to take the appropriate action.